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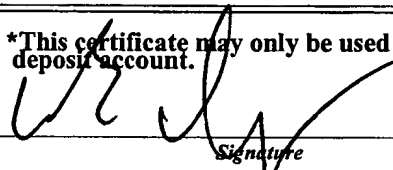
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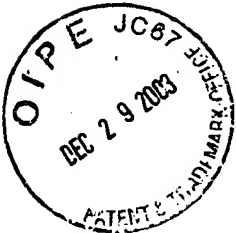
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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| EP 0 823 694        | 2-11-98     | European       |
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Netherlands 9 301 902 relates to computerized ticketing for e.g., theatre, sports arena which involves using a personal smart card to pay for access to an event and as a ticket to gain access at an event turnstile.

European EP 1 103 922 relates to a reservation booking method for events which has a signal transmitted back to a customer upon logging booking by an agent for storage of entry.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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